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0 Z } Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting
Monday September 10, 7:30 p.m.
Mayor/Council Meeting
September 19, 2012 8:00 p.m.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Prince George's Women's Lacrosse September 8, see pg. 5
Chief of Police Webb going away Lunch September 12, see pg. 2
Neighborhood Watch host a triad conference (*light lunch served*) September 19, see pg. 2
Learn to Solve the Litter and Trash Problem September 26, see pg. 6
Come out discuss politics and have dessert September 28, see pg. 5
The Color Purples September 29, see pg. 5

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TRASH	PICK UP IS T		1 Community Cards 1:00-3:00 p.m.			
2	3 OFFICE CLOSED NO TRASH/ PICKUP	4 TRASH PICK UP Computer Class 11:00- 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.	5 Yard Waste	6 60 + Bingo 10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m. Computer Class 11:00-12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash (3 Items Only)	7 LAST DAY TO PAY FOR SHARE FOOD OR- DER	8 Women's Lacrosse from 9:00-1:00 p.m. Sport & Learning Center Landover, Md.
9 Cruise Meeting 3:00-4:00 p.m.	10 Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11 Book Discussion The Slap, Oxon Hill Library 2:00 p.m.	12 Yard Waste Book Discussion The Law and You, Oxon Hill Library 7:00	13 Computer Class 11:00-12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash (3 Items Only)	14	15 Community Cards 1:00-3:00 p.m.
16	17 Trash/Recycle	18 Computer Class 11:00- 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.	19 Mayor/Council Meeting 8:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch confer- ence from 11:00- 12:00 p.m.	20 Trash/Recycle	21	22 Yard Sale 7:30- 3:00 p.m. FOOD SHARE PICK- UP BY 10- 11:00 A.M.
23	24 Trash/Recycle	25	26 Learn how to Solve the Litter and Trash Prob- lems Town Hall 6:30 p.m.	27 Trash/Recycle	28 Come out Discuss Politics and have des- sert	29 The Show Color Purples at 8:00 p.m.
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> Citizens Hotline—ext. 306 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

> > **Phone (301) 839-1030** 8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Eastover District IV Police (301) 749-4900 EMERGENCY DIAL 911 NON-EMERGENCY

301-333-4000

www.forestheightsmd.gov

FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME REPORT: AUGUST 2012

CRIME

Recovered Property

PARKING VIOLATIONS

Expired Maryland Tags 3 Handicapped Parking 2 Only

Arrests 6 Possession of Marijuana 1

Vehicle Impound 4 Disorderly Conduct 1

Driving Without License 1

Hello Town family and friends Chief of Police Webb is leaving the Town of Forest Heights. We would love for you to come and say "job well done" and thank you for your time and dedication to our community. Lunch from 12:00-2:00 p.m. September 12, 2012.



The Neighborhood Watch Committee will host a triad conference for Forest Heights Seniors:

When: Wednesday September 19, 2012

Where: 5508 Arapahoe Drive

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (*light lunch served*)

The Prince George County Sheriff department will provide information regarding resources for developing, expanding and implementing effective crime prevention and education programs for senior citizens in Forest Heights, thus enhancing their quality of life. Triad is a partnership consisting of the local Sheriff or Police, seniors and senior service providers in a community who agree to work together to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly. For more information call: 301-839-1030.

Crime Report 2012



Community Update from the Mayor's Office

Community Update from the Mayor's Office

News/Announcements

National Night Out

On Aug. 7, Forest Heights residents and police jointly hosted a successful National Night Out. This year's event was held at Bell Acres Neighborhood Park with special appearances by the Maryland-National Capital Park Police and Assistant State's Attorney Rashid Mahdi from the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office. Residents were treated to free hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks and refreshments, and a number of youths took advantage of a free face painting booth. National Night Out is an annual initiative sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and held at communities nationwide to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention and strengthen relationships between communities and their local law enforcement agencies. The Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch Committee meets the first Thursday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m. at the town administration building. For information or to join, call 301-839-1030.

Maryland August Special Session

On Aug. 15, the Maryland General Assembly approved the gambling bill, which allows for a sixth gaming site to be built in Prince George's County and tables games such as blackjack and roulette at the state's approved slots locations. The bill was approved and signed by Gov. Martin O'Malley that morning. The measure narrowly cleared the House of Delegates in a 71-58 vote, and the Senate approved the House changes to the bill in a 32-14 vote. A day before, the House amended the legislation to allow veterans' halls in every county except Montgomery to have slots-like machines, according to the Baltimore Sun. The bill also reduces tax rates on slot machine profits for all the currently licensed casinos except Rocky Gap in Western Maryland, where rates are already lower.

The issue will go before voters in the November general election. Prince George's voters will have the final say at the ballot box on whether a casino is brought to the county. If the proposal is approved by the majority of voters statewide but rejected by the majority of Prince George's County voters, the sixth casino will not happen, but table games will be allowed at the five already approved locations. The legislation is expected to generate an additional \$175 million for the state once the Prince George's County casino opens, based on state estimates, though only \$39 million would come from taxes on table games and the new casino. According to the Washington Post, for the proposed casino in Prince George's County, the eventual operator share would be up to 44 percent with bids accepted up to 38 percent. About 3,000 slot machines would be allowed, and the projected opening date for the casino would be mid-2016, after a casino in Baltimore has been completed. Synopsis of SB1 available at www.forestheightsmd.gov

Sen. Muse Meets with District 26 Residents

Three days before the Aug. 9 Maryland Special Session on gambling, District 26 State Senator C. Anthony Muse hosted a Town Hall Meeting at Oxon Hill Library to gather feedback from constituents on a proposal to develop a gaming site in Prince George's County. Muse referred to gambling and casinos as "an emotionally-charged issue." Mayor Jacqueline Goodall, Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II, and Town Administrator Vern Haefele were among those present at the meeting. Constituents were given the opportunity to speak in favor of or against the development, most likely at National Harbor. Several speakers also indicated that they would support having a casino built at Rosecroft Raceway, but not at National Harbor, citing concerns with potential traffic gridlock along Oxon Hill Road, I-295, and I-495.

Residents on both sides brought up important issues. Those in favor indicated the potential economic benefits such as more jobs created for county residents, more contracting opportunities for minority-owned and small businesses, and more revenue generated for schools. Those who opposed a casino cited concerns to residents' quality of life such as possible decrease in property value, increased crime activity and traffic congestion in the communities surrounding the proposed casino. Some residents were also concerned about the possible moral repercussions of a casino (i.e. gambling addictions).

Watershed Protection and Restoration Program

The Mayor and Council is seeking input from residents on whether the town should implement its own stormwater restoration plan or allow Prince George's County to implement a plan for the town. Earlier this spring, the Maryland General Assembly approved legislation that would require nine counties — including Prince George's — and Baltimore City to establish a system of stormwater remediation fees and a local watershed protection and restoration fund (WPRF). Under this program, counties and municipalities would be required to collect stormwater remediation fees from property owners located within those jurisdictions. The fees would then pay for stream and wetland restoration projects to improve the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; public education and outreach related to stormwater management and stream and wetland restoration; the operation and maintenance of existing stormwater management programs and facilities; or local stormwater management planning and planning activities.

Counties and municipalities must adopt any necessary local laws or ordinances needed to establish the WPRF by July 1, 2013. The issue will be raised at the next Mayor and Council Monthly Workshop Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m. If you will not be able to attend the Monthly Workshop, please contact your respective Ward councilmembers to voice your opinion. To view a version of the original bill, visit http://mlis.state.md.us/2012rs/billfile/hb0987.htm.

Street Improvements

Tom Kubicz, a representative for the Baltimore-based consulting engineering firm Pennoni Associates, gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council at the Aug. 15 Council Meeting concerning street improvements. Pennoni is proposing widening Sachem and Black Hawk Lane and adding sidewalks and renovation to help alleviate drainage problems on Cree and Onondago Drive, sidewalks will be compliant with ADA standards. The Town Council is still taking the proposal under consideration and no decision has been made at this point.

Forest Heights on Facebook page at www.facebook.com/forestheightsmd for the latest community news.

Town Community News (continued)

FOREST HEIGHTS AUGUST PUBLIC WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- NINE (9) NEW SPEED HUMPS INSTALLED IN WARD I
- ALL RESTRICTED CURB AREAS IN FOREST HEIGHTS PAINTED
- ALL STREET SIGN POLES PAINTED
- CROSSWALKS PAINTED
- ALL NEW SPEED HUMPS PAINTED
- ALL NEW STREET SIGNES AND RELATED HARDWARE ORDERED.
- ALL NEW STREET SIGNS AND HARDWARE INSTALLED IN WARD I
- ALL NEW STREET SIGNS AND HARDWARE ARE BEING INSTALLED IN WARD II & III
- VEHICLE STOP LINE PAINTED AT EACH STOP SIGN
- DANGEROUS TREES REMOVED AT TOWN PARKING LOT, SACHEM DR. AND N. HURON DR.
- MEETINGS HELD WITH WSSC DOCUMENTING WORK TO BE DONE REPAIRING STREET CUTS
- MEETING HELD WITH COUNTY REGARDING BROAD BAN INSTALLATION IN FOREST HEIGHTS FINAL REPAIRS TO THE VARIOUS CUTS MADE ESPECIALLY ON QUADE ST.
- WASHINGTON GAS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE OVERLAY REPAIR OF STREET CUTS ON WEST SIDE ESPECIALLY ON N. HURON AT THE CIRCLE
- WOOD CHIPS ARE AVAILABLE, CONTACT THE TOWN OFFICE FOR DETAILS
- DANGEROUS TREE BRANCH ON ARAPAHOE DR. REMOVED

We all know somebody that just cannot take personal responsibility for their actions. Think about that person and tell me whether or not they are a successful, healthy and well-adjusted person. Usually when someone cannot handle responsibility for their own actions it is because their self image is so low that it cannot handle the blow associated with "blame". Conversely, someone self-assured can easily look himself or herself in the mirror, accept that they have made a mistake, take action to rectify that mistake and move on. Taking responsibility for oneself is not just an indication of a sound self-image, but a first step towards one.

Jeff Young





Minority Business Development Division

Office of Central Services

OUTREACH/TRAINING EVENTS

2012 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BUSINESS CONFERENCE & EXPO

"Primetime Business with Prime Contractors"

September 28, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Dr. Henry A. Wise High School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

For more information: Call MBDD, 301-883-6480

COST FREE

Town Community News (continued)

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Prince George's Women's Lacrosse Association, Inc.

Saturday, September 8th, 2012

Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex!

11 am and 12-2 pm

PGWLA Kick- Off/Clinic!

8001 Sheriff Road Landover, MD 20785

FREE TICKETS TO THE COLOR PURPLE

SHOW SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2012



AT 8:00 P.M.

1 FREE admission ticket with your commitment of at least 1 hour of volunteer service

Call 301-839-1030



CARPOOLS ONLY

Everyone agrees that carpooling is a great way to save money! I don't drive looking to share expenses to and from Downtown DC or Southern Ave. Metro Mon.-Fri. work hours 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m., leaving from Forest Heights Md.

Please call 301-332-3914

THERE WILL BE A CRUISE MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. PLEASE COME OUT IF YOU ARE GOING ON THE CRUISE.





All are welcome to come out and discuss politics and learn how to empower yourself. 17yrs. and Up.

Dessert Served

September 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.





YARD SALE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 7:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



VENDORS WANTED SPACE \$ 15 / TABLE \$ 5

CALL 301 839-1030 OR

CATHY CLARK AT 301-567-5780

Town Community News



Town Hall Meeting Learn how to solve the litter and trash problems

When: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 @ 6:30p.m.

What: Learn how to solve the litter and trash problems in your community and have your questions

and concerns addressed.

Where: Municipal Building, 5508 Arapahoe Drive, Forest Heights, MD 20745 (301) 839-1030 Are you tired of seeing litter and trash around your business or home? Are you ready to get involved and be a part of the solution? The Town of Forest Heights has begun collaborating on a litter preven-

tion campaign that will encourage everyone to take control, take care of your trash. By properly discarding trash into bins, recycling, and helping to clean up your neighborhood, we will be one step closer to having clean land, safe water, and healthy lives.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation has led the effort to reduce litter throughout the Potomac Watershed region and is now working with residents of Forest Heights and others within the Oxon Run Watershed. The Alice Ferguson Foundation is working to remind residents that their litter hits close to home- impacting their health, their families, and their communities. In order to reduce litter residents must work to change their littering behaviors, while also working to pick up litter.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation has co-hosted three cleanups in the town of Forest Heights, where elected officials, residents, and student volunteers picked up on average 120lbs of trash and recyclables per cleanup. Most recently, the Alice Ferguson Foundation partnered with the United Communities Against Poverty Organization (UCAP) and the Katie Able Foundation to cleanup parts of the Eastover Shopping Center and Oxon Run Creek. Though the UCAP Organization and Katie Able Foundation are not based in Forest Heights, they were inspired by the community's efforts to reduce waste through the Alice Ferguson's Trash Free Community campaign. Their youth were eager to end their summer program with a worth-while project to improve both the visual and overall quality of life for residents in Forest Heights. During the Cleanup, 30 youth volunteers and 3 adults worked to collect roughly 120lbs of trash and recyclables. Many bulk trash items were also removed from the Oxon Run, including 4 road signs, rubber ware containers, scrap metal, and piles of glass bottles and aluminum cans. Future cleanups in the town of Forest Heights would require more participation from residents of the town.

Regularly scheduled events will help keep people engaged, get litter off the ground, and increase community pride. So let's work together to schedule regular cleanups and recruit our friends and neighbors to attend. Together we can work to create a cleaner, healthier Forest Heights. These cleanups are part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Regional Litter Prevention Campaign. Look for the litter prevention posters around town including at Forest Heights Elementary School, Forest Heights Community Development Programs, local businesses, the Municipal Building, and other locations. To learn more about the litter prevention campaign in Forest Heights and how you can get involved, please join us for a town hall meeting on Wednesday, September 26th.

For more information please contact Everette Bradford; ebradford@fergusonfoundation.org or 301-752-1305.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED September, 2012

Sharon McSwain-Cartledge, FHOHCDC Executive Director

Are you a current retired or aspiring teacher? If you are interested in assisting our community's youth in achieving their full academic potential in an after-school tutoring program, your shared talents are needed.

Effective October 9, 2012, the Forest Heights-Oxon Hill Community Development Corporation will commence the After-School Tutoring Program in the Municipal Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for youths in grades K -6.

The master schedule includes:

- Whole group topics of discussion (character building, bullying, etc.);
- Tutoring and assistance in completing homework assignments;
- Computer activities (educational games, i.e., math, science, reading, etc.);
- Creative Arts;
- Physical Fitness activities.

A parental orientation session will be conducted on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Municipal Center to discuss the activities and expectations of the program. All teaching volunteers will also be introduced to parents during this session. School supplies in the form of door prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in sharing your teaching skills with our youth, please contact Sharon Cartledge @ <u>samcartledge@hotmail.com</u> or call on 301-275-1770 no later than Friday, September 28, 2012. Any volunteer assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Town Community News Senior

Ward 1 Residents!

Council President L. Smith-Barnes and Councilman Barnes will sponsor an open forum starting Oct. 6, 9AM-11AM, and run every 1st Saturday of the month, same time, as long as there is an interest. This forum is specifically for Ward 1 residents, but all Wards are welcome.

Come out and get acquainted with your Council members, ask questions, make suggestions, or to just complain if you like. We will attempt to answer your questions, and if we don't have an answer, we'll find out. In any event this forum Will Not Be Limited To 2 Minutes. Come out, meet your neighbors, and find out how your Government works.

Please RSVP by (5:00 p.m.) October 5th, so that we can determine if we should continue with this endeavor.

Daughter For The Day, Inc.

Call Us at (301) 203-7050

"Making a difference in the life of a Senior"

Our Services

We offer FREE one-on-one personal assistance to senior citizens over the age of 70.

Volunteers escort seniors to:

Medical Appointments Grocery Shopping

Make a Difference, Become A Volunteer! Donate just 3 hours of your time per month, and make a big difference in the life of a senior.

THRIFT STORE GRAND OPENING

6067 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745

New Taxi Service for Wheelchair Users

A new 24/7 taxi service for wheelchair users is available to Prince George's County residents. The taxis, operated by the Capitol Heights-based Accessible



Taxi, are built in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. They have ramps, 36-by-56-inch doorways and space to accommodate wheelchairs and as many as six passengers. The taxis were funded in part by federal grants. Drivers accept cash, transportation vouchers, and debit and credit cards. According to the Washington Post, right now, only three Accessible Taxi drivers have been licensed in the county and 12 others are waiting to take the county's test, but the company expects a full fleet in coming months. For information, visit www.accessibletaxi.net.

One should always remember that excellence demands commitment. If there is no commitment, you will never achieve excellence.

Are you Tired of Setting at home!

60+ Plus Committee Welcome you to Senior Bingo, Community Cards

Councilman Robert Barnes & Councilwoman Ann Reifsneider work to provide activities and service to our citizens. Please mark your calendar for the:

Senior Bingo FIRST THURSDAY of each Month August 5, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Community Cards FIRST and THIRD SATURDAY of each month from 1:00 –3:00 p.m.

For information on any of these programs, or to get involved, contact Councilman Barnes at **301-839-1030**

ext. 303 anytime day or night, and leave a message.



WHAT'S IN A CALENDAR

A calendar is a system used to divide time and arrange the months. Adults and children use calendars almost every day. Calendars can be found hanging on the wall, in your wallet, on your cell phone or a desk date book,

all are use to keep track of appointments, anniversaries and other important information. In ancient times people noted the passage of time by sunrise and sunset, seasons and moon phases. Example, it takes about 28 hours for the earth to make one rotation on it axis this is the basis for a day. Months are based on the time between new moons. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar, and it is still in use today. The calendar is based on how long the Earth takes to make one orbit around the sun. This calculated on 3651/4 days, thus every four years we have an extra (leap) day in February.

THOUGHT: Truth is often not so hard to find as the courage to face it.

Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

PRSWRT STD **ECRWSS** U.S. POSTAGE **PAID**

Town Community News (continued)



YOUR PET

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, possessor, keeper or harborer of a dog to permit said dog to be upon public streets, sidewalks, roadways, alleys, or any other person's LEASH AND CLEAN property within the Town except when under restraint by leash or similar device and con-**UP AFTER** ducted by a person competent and able to control said dog.

> E. When walking a dog by owner, possessor, keeper or caretaker it is required that all excrement be immediately removed from public or private property.29

Section 7.3: Penalty



Any person violating the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of an infraction and shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense. Repeat offenders may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for each repeat offense.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUN-TY, MARYLAND

2012 Legislative Session Bill CB-40-2012

REBATE ON RAIN BARRELS



TECHNIQUE	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL			
Rain Barrels	\$50 (must capture 100 gallons)	\$100 (Must capture 200 gallons)			

Call to find out how to receive your rebate! 301-839-1030

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) operated by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Free Programs and Single Family Special Loans. Two more Forest Heights residents took advantage of the Free Home Weatherization Program.

They were awarded this service through a Collaboration Grant from MEA. Mayor Goodall is continuously seeking ways to assist residents with weatherization and ask that residents take advantage of these grants. Call Councilperson Reifsneider if you are interested in our ongoing program for weatherization.

> Call Councilmember Reifsneider for appointment 301-839-1146

Every morning we are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn't buy an extra hour.

Christmas in April* Prince George's County This program is for the ELDERLY and/or DISABLED Come Pick-up your Application Please Complete and Return by **NOVEMBER 1, 2012** 7915 Malcolm Road Clinton, MD 20735

You could be next!

SHARE FOOD NETWORK SEPTEMBER 2012 Order September 1-7 PICK UP SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

Package "A" Value Package \$20.00	Package "B" September Seafood Spectacular \$20.00	Package "C" September Steak Box \$20.00	
Roaster Chicken Drumsticks 2.2 lbs.	2 lbs. Jumbo Coconut flavored Breaded Shrimp	3-8 oz. Choice Ribeye Steaks	
Pollock Fish Fillets 1 lb.	6-5oz. Sole Fillets stuffed with Scallops and Crabmeat	3-8 oz. Choice New York Strip Steaks	
Beef Meatballs 0.75 lbs.			
Ground Turkey 1 lb.	NOTE: IF ORDER IS NOT PICKED UP		
Applesauce with Peaches 4 pack			
Spaghetti Sauce 1.5 lbs.			
Elbow Spaghetti 1 lb		m. IT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY.	
Potatoes 3 lbs. Menus Subject to Cha	nge		
Onions 1.5 lbs.			